



# Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Emergency Preparedness Update for June 8, 2020

## KY Governor Beshear Promises Health Coverage for All Minorities

(Frankfort) During his daily COVID-19 brief this afternoon, Governor Andy Beshear indicated that Kentucky was going to make an effort to make sure that all minorities have 100% basic healthcare coverage. He noted that COVID-19 has shown that there is a basic need to make this happen.

Justice Cabinet Secretary Michael Brown also indicated that he is making plans for some significant additional in-service training for all law enforcement personnel. This will be part of their annual training requirements.

### COVID Numbers:

- *Sunday* - 70 new cases were reported. Total: 11,356 cases. 1 death was reported for Sunday.
- *Monday* - 120 new cases were reported. That brings the total to: 11476. 1 death was reported for today.

Check here later this evening for a link to the full press release: <https://governor.ky.gov/news>

## Do infection-control inspections show nursing homes were ready? KY Chart has county infection trends over time

(KY Health News) - COVID-19 Update Extracts - State inspection [records](#) indicate that most Kentucky nursing homes were prepared for the pandemic after it began, Bailey Loosemore [reports](#) for the Louisville **Courier Journal**. "At least 154 of the state's 285 licensed nursing homes have received covid-19-focused infection-



control inspections since late March, including eight facilities that have reported some of the highest numbers of cases." Only two "were cited for infection-related deficiencies," both "not properly wearing a mask." Two others received citations unrelated to the pandemic. Most covid-19 deaths in Kentucky have been of nursing-home residents.

Lexington is going through a third round of increases in new daily coronavirus cases, but not because 10 nights of protests have spread the virus, public-health officials [told](#) the **Lexington Herald-Leader**. It is spreading "rapidly" in the city, local health-department spokesman Kevin Hall said, but "Based on our case investigations, the protests are not contributing to the rise in cases we've seen this week and the couple weeks prior." Symptoms can appear two to 14 days after infection.

Much of the increase is among Lexington's Hispanic and African-immigrant populations, the Herald-Leader's Beth Musgrave [reports](#): "Approximately 17 percent of the 847 people who have tested positive for covid-19 are Hispanic, according to the **Lexington-Fayette County Health Department** figures. Fayette County's population is 7% Hispanic."

**The New York Times** tracks infection rates in each U.S. county over time.

Here's a screenshot of the 20 counties with the most cases on its [Kentucky chart](#) as of 11 a.m. Monday.

Here is AI Cross' full story: <http://kyhealthnews.blogspot.com/2020/06/covid-19-update-infection-control.html>

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**When Health Care Moves Online, Many Patients Are Left Behind**

(Wired) Amid the [coronavirus](#) pandemic, more of the nation's medical care is being delivered by telephone or videoconference, as in-person care becomes a last resort for both doctors and patients. That's a problem for tens of millions of Americans without smartphones or speedy home internet connections. For them, the [digital divide](#) is exacerbating preexisting [disparities](#) in access to health care.

Learn more: <https://www.wired.com/story/health-care-online-patients-left-behind/>

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**From Kentucky Children's Hospital**  
**Experts give advice on teaching children to wear face masks**

**Updated guidance from the World Health Organization** now says [everyone should wear cloth masks in public](#); and high-risk individuals should wear medical masks in certain settings, such as when crowd situations can't be avoided. WHO link: [https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/advice-on-the-use-of-masks-in-the-community-during-home-care-and-in-healthcare-settings-in-the-context-of-the-novel-coronavirus-\(2019-ncov\)-outbreak](https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/advice-on-the-use-of-masks-in-the-community-during-home-care-and-in-healthcare-settings-in-the-context-of-the-novel-coronavirus-(2019-ncov)-outbreak)

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**FDA Reissues EUA - REVISING Info on Respirator Decontamination Reuse**

FDA - June 7) In response to public health and safety concerns about the appropriateness of decontaminating certain respirators, the agency is reissuing certain emergency use authorizations (EUAs) to specify which respirators are appropriate for decontamination. Based on the FDA's increased understanding of the performance and design of these respirators, the FDA has decided that certain respirators should not be decontaminated for reuse by health care personnel. For example, the FDA has learned from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) [testing](#) that authorized respirators manufactured in China may vary in their design and performance. As such, the FDA has determined that the available information does not support the decontamination of these respirators and has accordingly revised the relevant EUAs. *In addition, the FDA is also revising relevant EUAs to no longer authorize decontamination or reuse of respirators that have exhalation valves.*

FDA has reissued the EUAs for:

- ✓ [Non-NIOSH-Approved Disposable Filtering Facepiece Respirators Manufactured in China](#) by revising the Scope of Authorization such that authorized respirators listed in Appendix A will no longer be authorized if decontaminated.
- ✓ Multiple decontamination systems so that they 1) [are no longer authorized to decontaminate respirators manufactured in China, where applicable](#), and 2) only authorize decontamination of non-cellulose respirators that do not have an exhalation valve that are either authorized in the [NIOSH-Approved Air Purifying Respirators for Use in Health Care Settings During Response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency](#) EUA or that are authorized and identified in [Exhibit 1](#) of the EUA for [Imported, Non-NIOSH-Approved Disposable Filtering Facepiece Respirators](#) to be decontaminated.

Read full FDA News Release: <https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-fda-reissues-emergency-use-authorizations-revising-which-types>

*FDA Webinar*

**Respirators for Healthcare Personnel during COVID-19**

**June 9, 12 PM - 1 PM ET**

Registration is not necessary. (Dial in early.)

**U.S. Callers Dial:** 888-455-1392

International Callers use: 1-773-799-3847

- Conference Number: PWXW1396032
- Passcode: 5820545

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Click the link below to **add to your calendar**:

<https://www.fda.gov/media/138618/download>

*Outlook users: Click link, select Open, then click Save & Close*

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**Study says blood type may determine the severity of coronavirus cases**

(BGR) New research points to another potential clue for predicting the course of COVID-19 in patients, and possibly treat the disease before severe complications arrive. Geneticists think a few particular genes may point

to a predisposition for severe COVID-19, including a gene that's responsible for blood types. Patients with Type A blood are 50% more likely to need oxygen or require a ventilator, the European study said. Type O is associated with lower risk compared with all the other blood groups.

Curious? <https://bgr.com/2020/06/07/coronavirus-symptoms-severe-covid-19-complications-type-a-blood/>

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**Officials urge Floyd protesters to get coronavirus tests**

(PBS) As New York City prepared to reopen after a more than two-month coronavirus shutdown, officials on Sunday lifted a curfew that was put in place amid protests of police brutality and racial injustice. But they also urged that demonstrators be tested for COVID-19. The call is similar to what officials in cities like Seattle, San Francisco and Atlanta have made following massive demonstrations, with free testing set up for protesters who may have been exposed to the virus.

Read more: <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/health/officials-urge-floyd-protesters-to-get-coronavirus-tests>

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**Tear gassing protesters during an infectious outbreak called "a recipe for disaster"**

NPR Podcast & Story: <https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2020/06/05/870144402/tear-gassing-protesters-during-an-infectious-outbreak-called-a-recipe-for-disast>

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**US Lawmakers to Introduce Police Reform Bill**

(IACP News) The [Washington Times](#) (6/7, Swoyer) reports that Rep. Karen Bass (D-CA) has drafted the Justice in Policing Act with Sens. Cory Booker (D-NJ) and Kamala Harris (D-CA). Bass said Sunday, "It is time for police culture in many departments to change and we believe the legislation will make a major step forward." She "said the legislation would require police officers to step in and address medical necessary situations." The legislation will also emphasize "racial bias training and the banning of chokeholds."

**Related story - Perception of Police Drops among Americans, Survey Suggests**

[USA Today](#) (6/6, Morin) reports "the perception of police by white Americans has dropped by double digits in just one week," and "declined across all racial groups following the death of George Floyd in police custody, according to a new survey from the Democracy Fund + UCLA Nationscape Project" conducted from May 28 to June 3. "Very favorable or somewhat favorable" views of police among white Americans dropped from 72 percent to 61 percent, while the "percentage of white Americans who hold a somewhat or very unfavorable view of police" rose from 18 to 31 percent. In addition, 38 percent of black Americans "find the police very or somewhat favorable," a decline of 9 percent; 51 percent of Asian and Pacific Islanders (down 14 percent); and 52 percent of Latinos (down 6 percent).

**International Association of Chiefs of Police Statement on proposals related to "Defunding of the Police"**

<https://iacp-nimble.informz.net/informzdataservice/onlineversion/ind/bWFpGluZ2luc3RhbmNlaWQ9OTM4NiA3NSZzdWJzY3JpYmVvaWQ9MTEExNjg0Mzg5NW==>

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**CDC Coronavirus [What's New?](#)**

- [Resources](#) Monday, June 8, 2020
- [Investigating a COVID-19 Case](#) Monday, June 8, 2020
- [Contact Tracing](#) Monday, June 8, 2020

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**A Lyme Disease Vaccine Doesn't Exist, but a Yearly Antibody Shot Shows Promise**

Lyme disease has become an insidious epidemic in the United States. Caused by bacteria transmitted by an infected tick bite, [symptoms can include](#) arthritis, cardiac and neurological problems if left untreated. It is the most common tick-borne illness in the United States, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that [around 300,000 people](#) likely contract the disease each year.

Scientists, doctors and ecologists have worked for decades to slow the spread of Lyme and the blacklegged, or deer, ticks that carry the [disease-causing bacteria](#). However, the ticks' range continues to expand. Today, [over 50% of the American population lives in an area](#) where these ticks are found.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved a vaccine against Lyme in 1998, but it was met by controversy and [pulled from the market three years later](#). Scientists are now working on working on a different kind of prevention: a yearly injection. The method, known as Lyme PrEP, delivers a single anti-Lyme antibody directly to a person rather than triggering the patient's own immune system to make many antibodies as vaccines do.

Learn more: <https://nationalinterest.org/blog/reboot/lyme-disease-vaccine-doesn%E2%80%99t-exist-yearly-antibody-shot-shows-promise-160406>

**Johns Hopkins: Health Security Headlines - Extracts from [June 8, 2020](#)**

**[Exclusive: Half of Singapore's New COVID-19 Cases are Symptomless, Taskforce Head says](#)** (Reuters) At least half of Singapore's newly discovered coronavirus cases show no symptoms, the co-head of the government's virus taskforce told Reuters on Monday, reinforcing the city-state's decision to ease lockdown restrictions very gradually.

**[With No Current Cases, New Zealand Lifts Remaining COVID-19 Restrictions](#)** (NPR) New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern says the country has officially eradicated COVID-19 and will return to normal after the last known infected person recovered. Isolation and quarantine for those arriving from abroad will continue.

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InfraGard Webinar

**Industrial Controls at Metro Water Systems**

Thursday, June 11, from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (Eastern).

You must register in advance at <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7141277851932732687> to receive connection details, which will arrive directly from [GoToWebinar/events@infragardnrc.org](mailto:GoToWebinar/events@infragardnrc.org).

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**U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Virtual Town Hall Series  
Immediately in Effect Guidance on Coronavirus (COVID-19) Diagnostic Tests**

Wednesday, June 10, at 12:15 pm ET [Click here for connection information](#)

The FDA will host a virtual Town Hall for clinical laboratories and commercial manufacturers that are developing or have developed diagnostic tests for SARS-CoV-2. The purpose of this Town Hall is to help answer technical questions about the development and validation of tests for SARS-CoV-2.

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**NETEC Webinar Series: COVID-19**

With the ever-evolving coronavirus pandemic, the NETEC is committed to providing facilities with the tools to educate healthcare workers and share preparedness best practices. In this webinar series, we will highlight subject matter experts who have been immersed in the many challenges and topics around COVID-19.



**Workforce Innovation: How to Reassign, Redeploy and Leverage Advanced Practice Providers and Staff during the COVID-19 Pandemic**

This webinar will discuss strategies around reassigning and optimizing the workforce due to operational changes related to COVID-19. Strategies used during the initial outbreak and returning to normal business operations will be discussed.

📅 Friday, June 12, 2020 | 1:00 PM EST

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**HHS/ASPR COVID-19 Clinical Rounds**

**Critical Care: The Ugly Tail End of COVID-19 Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome**

Tuesday, June 9, at 12:00 - 1:00 pm ET - [Click here for registration](#)

This resource webinar is intended for consultant physicians involved in critical care practice, fellows, residents, pharmacists, nursing staff, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, respiratory therapists, & allied health staff.

**Emergency Department: Nursing Recovery and Preparing for a Second Wave**

Thursday, June 11, at 12:00 - 1:00 pm ET - [Click here for registration](#)

Join presenters to discuss emergency management resources and information that can be utilized to improve effective hospital and emergency department function during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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